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Governor's Safety and Health Conference Attracts Safety Professionals From Across Kentucky

Last day for pre-registration is May 1

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 29, 2015) – Hundreds of safety managers, occupational health nurses, construction managers and plant managers will be in Louisville May 5-8 to attend the 31st annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference and Exposition at the Galt House.

"This is the biggest event to promote safety and health in Kentucky's workplaces all year," said Kentucky Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts. "The topics that will be discussed here will help workers and companies from across Kentucky to be more productive and more successful. These topics can save lives."

The theme for this year's Governor's Safety and Health Conference is "Make it home safe." Participants are able to register at the door, but can save money by pre-registering on or before May 1.

To register for the conference, visit <http://kshn.net/registration.html>.

The conference will feature pre-conference courses on topics such as working in confined spaces, electrical safety, trenching safety, injury and illness recordkeeping and reporting. There will be tours of the KFC Yum! Center and UPS Worldport. The opening session's speaker is Kina Repp, who, at age 20, lost an arm in a horrific workplace incident. Despite her injury, she is an avid scuba diver, snow skier and wake boarder. She has earned a second degree black belt, ran 13 marathons, and was a torch runner for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Representatives from more than 40 companies from across Kentucky will be on hand to accept the Governor's Safety and Health Award, which honors outstanding safety and health performance. The conference will also feature a fun run/walk, golf scramble, reception banquet with comedian and Kentucky television personality Lee Cruse, and a silent auction benefiting the Scholastic Achievement for Education (SAFE) Scholarship Program.

The SAFE Scholarship Program provides scholarships to full-time eligible undergraduate and graduate college students who are enrolled in a degree program for occupational safety and health, industrial hygiene or a related field. The Kentucky Safety and Health Network Foundation distributes approximately \$40,000 in scholarships each year at the Governor's Safety and Health Conference.

There are fees per person for registration, with pre-registration fees (on or before May 1) costing \$450, full conference on-site registration (after May 2) costing \$550. One day pre-registration is \$325 and on-site one day registration is \$425. Registration includes annual KSHN membership dues. For more information on [registration](#), call (502) 564-4100.

The Labor Cabinet hosts the conference in conjunction with the Kentucky Safety and Health Network Inc. (KSHN), a nonprofit organization representing membership from business, education, government and labor with a mission to increase awareness of safety and health in the workplace.

"The conference allows business and community leaders a chance to get together and learn about the latest methods of approaching safety and health in the workplace," said KSHN President Mike Sutt. "We're extremely excited about all our topics this year, including five rounds of educational workshops."

For more information on the Governor's Safety and Health Conference, please visit www.kshn.net.

The Governor's Safety and Health Conference is part of Gov. Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

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